

# Our Mission

*As the nation's principal conservation agency, the Department of the Interior is charged with the mission :*

- to encourage and provide for the appropriate management, preservation, and operation of the Nation's public lands, and natural resources for benefit and enjoyment by all Americans both now and in the future;*
- to develop and use resources in an environmentally sound manner and provide an equitable return on these resources to the American taxpayer;*
- to carry out related scientific research and investigations in support of these objectives; and*
- to carry out trust responsibilities of the U.S. Government with respect to American tribes and Alaska Natives.*